

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-37. (canceled)

38. (new) A mould for a culinary preparation, comprising a flexible hollow piece made from an elastomer material and a rigid plate-shaped base stiffener, said flexible hollow piece having an upright side wall with a lower base which is connected to a lower portion of the flexible hollow piece, said lower portion comprising a lower bead holding said rigid plate-shaped base stiffener and defining with said plate-shaped base stiffener a bottom wall of the mould, and an upper bead extending above said lower bead, defining with said lower bead a groove in which the plate-shaped base stiffener is received, and pinning said plate-shaped base stiffener against said lower bead.

39. (new) The mould of claim 38, wherein the lower base of the side wall is formed integrally with the lower bead.

40. (new) The mould of claim 38, wherein said lower bead is a continuous bead.

41. (new) The mould of claim 40, wherein said lower bead is a lower ring-shaped wall limited towards the centre of the bottom wall by a hole that is covered by the plate-shaped base stiffener.

42. (new) The mould of claim 41, wherein said lower ring-shaped wall occupies between 1/5 and 4/5 of the total surface area of the bottom wall of the mould.

43. (new) The mould of claim 41, wherein said lower ring-shaped wall occupies between 1/3 and 2/3 of the total surface area of the bottom wall of the mould.

44. (new) The mould of claim 38, wherein the ratio of the length of the extension of the lower bead from the lower base of the side wall to the corresponding length of the upper bead is at least equal to 1.

45. (new) The mould of claim 38, wherein the ratio of the length of the extension of the lower bead from the lower base of the side wall to the corresponding length of the upper bead is at most equal to 20.

46. (new) The mould of claim 38, wherein the ratio of the length of the extension of the lower bead from the lower base of the side wall to the corresponding length of the upper bead is between 5 and 10.

47. (new) The mould of claim 38, wherein the upper bead is a continuous bead.

48. (new) The mould of claim 41, wherein the upper bead comprises several segments defining with the lower ring-shaped wall a discontinuous groove.

49. (new) The mould of claim 49, wherein the upper bead comprises 3 or 4 segments.

50. (new) The mould of claim 41, wherein said lower ring-shaped wall displays variations in thickness.

51. (new) The mould of claim 50, wherein said lower ring-shaped wall has a lower surface which is substantially flat and an upper surface presenting a shouldering making it thicker in a peripheral part that is close to the lower base of the side wall than in a central part that is close to the hole, said plate-shaped base stiffener having an annular step

in order to approximately follow said upper surface of the lower ring-shaped wall on which it is disposed.

52. (new) The mould of claim 51, wherein said lower surface comprise a flange at the external perimeter thereof.

53. (new) The mould of claim 38, wherein the plate-shaped base stiffener is blocked by molding with respect to said groove.

54. (new) The mould of claim 38, wherein the plate-shaped base stiffener is removable from the groove.

55. (new) The mould of claim 54, wherein the plate-shaped base stiffener is clipped into the groove.